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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Diana M. Downs, et al.
Serial No.: 09/955,502
Filed: September 18, 2001
For: METHOD FOR PREVENTING SUPEROXIDE
DAMAGE TO CELLS AND OXYGEN-LABILE
PROTEINS
Group Art Unit: 1645
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the June 9, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 1 - 14, drawn to method of reducing superoxide damage or increasing resistance of an oxygen-labile protein to oxidation) without prejudice to the eventual filing of a divisional application on restriction Group II.

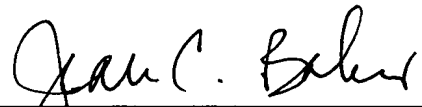
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Respectfully submitted,

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